LAPAN-TUBSAT of Indonesia is an Earth observation satellite and a technology demonstrator for experimental message store and forward system. PEHUENSAT-1 is an Argentinean nanosatellite for amateur radio experiment between colleges and universities of Argentina.

DG Shipping and MMD

386. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to bifurcate the Directorate General of Shipping;

(b) whether it is a fact that it has not been able to modernize and streamline entrenched practices of the Mercantile Marine Department;

(c) the extent to which training, a new attitude and change of work in the Mercantile Marine department has been infused;

(d) the obstacles from vested interest in bringing change; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) Government has initiated several steps to modernize and streamline the functioning of the Mercantile Marine Departments which have been reoriented to shift focus from the role of regulator to facilitator. Part of statutory functions has been delegated to the recognized organizations and E-Governance has been introduced to further streamline various statutory functions discharged by Mercantile Marine departments (MMDs). Additional staff has been sanctioned and new regional and district level offices of Mercantile Marine departments have been set up. In addition, the workload generated by the expanding marine training has been reviewed in order to streamline and systematize the work of inspections, approvals, admissions and examinations to ensure transparency, responsibility and the maintenance of the higher standards of quality by technological up-gradations. The Right to Information Act has been implemented in letter and spirit thereby ensuring greater transparency to public. There is a well laid down redressal mechanism which includes on line submission of grievances directly to the Directorate General of Shipping. Besides, Citizen's Charter has been displayed on

the website. Customer friendly forms/stationery have been developed and are available on the website. Most of the services could be availed by online submission of forms.

Failure of GSLV

†387. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any Committee to look into the failure of the GSLV satellite;

(b) if so, by when the report of this Committee is likely to be submitted; and

(c) whether failure of this satellite would adversely affect our other researches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee submitted its report and its recommendations have been implemented.

(c) No, Sir.

Restructuring Twenty-point Programme

388. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are restructuring the Twenty-point Programme with the focus on poverty alleviation and improving life of the poor with particular reference to economic reforms, liberalization and globalization of the economy;

(b) if so, the present position of poverty prevailing in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) thesfunds allocated and utilized for the poverty alleviation programmes in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(d) whether the objectives of the Twenty-point Programme are yet to be achieved; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.